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CHAPTER III.

A LONG MORNING IN THE CITY

Mr Murridge was by profession a genealogist. This is a trade in which are few competitors. There are, to be sure, the heralds, who are a dignified body, and have a coat of their own and on occasions of ceremony wear the most beautiful coats in the world and consequently are tempted to wish that there was a coronation every week. They also enjoy much finer titles than the members of the upper house, being called King at Arms herald or pursuivant, rouge dragon rouge croix, blue mantle and portcullis. Mr Murridge possessed no other title than that of plain Mister, which we are not expected to enjoy. It was reported of him by those who recommended him as an interloper and an unqualified practitioner, that he had originally been apprenticed to a die sinker and was afterwards employed in engraving coats of arms for one who keeps a heraldic shop ornamented outside by the gilded effigies of a loathly worm like unto the dragon of Spindleston Heugh. This enterprising tradesman not only engraved shield and furnished family seals, but also found them coats-of-arms for people who had lost them so long that all memory and trace of them had vanished. Nothing proves a family to be old so much as to have lost the memory of their arms. There are many such they have withered in obscurity and neglect for generations then one of the nouveau money, and such gentlemen as this heraldic shop-keeper recovered the long lost connections and find them proudly among their kin in the wars of the Roses. In this way, for for old Murridge found himself implicated in the direction of genealogic research and in this way he gradually neglected the practice of his art and transformed himself into a searcher and grubber into family history.

Although there are not many in the trade it is sometimes profitable. For there are always too many rich, who continually desire to prove that they have always, though their friends little suspected it, really belonged to the ranks which rule by right divine, and by the same right possess hereditary brains, and there are besides these the rich doubtful who bears names of English origin and would fain prove their connection with great English houses and are willing to pay handsomely for such a connection. Therefore old Murridge generally found his hands fully occupied in tracing pedigrees, finding out missing links, proving marriages, establishing Anglo-American connections, following up lines of descent connecting plain country gentlemen into descendants of royalty—this is a very lucrative branch of the profession—and in this war bringing valuable, delight honor, distinction, and solace to all who could afford to pay for it. So great indeed was his skill that he never failed to prove his client a cadet at least, of some ancient house, and when there was no estate involved and the family was supposed to be extinct he not infrequently made his cadet the heir of that house. Nothing could be conceived more pleasing to ladies and gentlemen who had been brought up to believe that for them there was no family history—no more than at the beginning of the world—previous to the family shop where the money was made—whether a shop with a counter and an inkstand and an apron, or a shop with an office and a clerk, or a shop with a box of pills or a shop with a wig and gown or a shop with a sword and a red coat or a shop with a steel pen and a few yards of blue paper or a ship with a family of ship and shares. So that Mr Murridge was really a philanthropist of the finest water—an eighteen carat philanthropist. If from time to time, in his grubbing among ancient civil wills and family histories he came upon curious discoveries which he was able to turn to his own advantage, he is not to be blamed. Notably, there was the succession to the Glensilla title in which he as will presently see, he did a very profitable stroke of business.

His counting-house in Finsbury Circus where he had two rooms on a second floor the front room large and light, looking out on the open place the back room small and dingy looking upon the limbo of chimneys—work shop back buildings, out-houses and granary yards which can finds in that part of London. On the door posts below his name were painted *Second Floor, Johns Murridge*. His own room was furnished with one very large table—genealogists, like civil engineers, write upon great tables—and another very small one, he had a great book as full of blots of ancient wills such as Dr Iddy Hughes Jonge Rettram Wotton Collins and Lysons a really valuable collection as for the country histories one need the resources of a Rothschild to possess them. There was also a large sized safe in a corner and there were the boxes piled one above the other as in a solicitor's office, and there were three or four chairs. The room at the back was not properly speaking furnished at all. That is to say, there was a table at the window with a blotting pad and an inkstand and a chair before it. *There was neither fire nor fire place*, with a large open grate upon it, the hearth with a bunch of paper. This was for the boy to call who posted the letters, or to him and his friends. The other table was for Mr Murridge Jr—Mr Richard Murridge. His son and the clerk, together with the private secretary, completed Mr Murridge's staff and formed his establishment.

As regards Master Dick it might be said of him as of a great many others that he would doubtless have been different had his training be another than what it was. Yet his education was not neglected. At school he learnt only the things most useful in a commercial life as good hand accounts and book keeping, short hand, French and the art of writing a business letter. He also had the advantage being a day boy of his father's experience and practical wisdom, which was on tap, so to speak every evening.

"I have taught my son sir," Mr Murridge explained to deputies the common rant about honor, friendship, public charity and the rest of it. The world is full of great *times who live by eating each other*. There is no other way to live. We come into the city every day to eat each other and to defend ourselves against those who would eat us. The way is to make as much money as we possibly can. As for honor, it means that you must play fair when it is your interest and friendship means putting other people on to a good thing when you can't get it for yourself and in exchange for another good thing. Benevolence means keeping the people you are eating up in good temper. Dick quite understands the world. There is no nonsense about Dick. Justice means having all you can get—all that the law allows—to the last penny, and never forgiving anybody. I have made the boy thoroughly understand these principles. He begins life with a clear head, and no sentimental humbug."

It is not often that a boy's views are thus *based upon the first elements of life and society*, and Dick certainly began life with great advantages.

Unluckily for Dick, he was not allowed to put these principles into practice in an independent way. Mr Murridge *regarded* his business as a thing to be kept together, and handed down as a property to his son. He, therefore, without any question as to Dick's aptitude for genealogical research and the art of clothing a man with a pedigree, removed him from school at an early age and placed him in his own back office, where he gave him copying work. You cannot possibly carry on any of the beautiful precepts and maxims of mere copying work.

Unfortunately, too, Mr Murridge could never bring him off to trust his son. He was a jealous master, who would let no one into his secrets but himself, and worked, like the mole, underground. So that, though Dick was now three-and twenty, he knew no more about his father's business than he did at sixteen, when he first took his seat in the back office—except that his father would talk over the successful conduct of a case when it was completed, especially if there had been any difficulties or sharp practice in it. He did not dare to complain, but his position made him continually grumpy. It is not a good sign for a young man's future when he nourishes a secret grudge against his father and when the father, absorbed in his own business, never stops to consider what his son is doing and how he regards his own position and work.

Dick was now drawing the very handsome salary of seventy five pounds a year, with breakfast lodging, washing, supper, if he wanted it, and his Sunday dinner. He was, therefore, rich as clerks at three-and-twenty go. We may allow him eighteen pence a day for his dinner, or ten shillings a week, which comes to twenty six pounds a year, fifteen pounds a year for his dress, which is not extravagant, ten pounds for a fortnight's holiday in the summer, and five pounds a year for his daily omnibus. There remained the handsome sum of nineteen pounds a year, or rather more than a shilling a day, to cover his amusements and his petty expenses. How many young fellows can afford a shilling a day for pleasure?

Dick had so few pleasures that he must have been saving money. He was a very quiet young man—sons of masterful fathers generally are—he had taught himself to play the piano a little and to draw a little, but languidly. When he was at home he spent most of the time at the old piano, which had been his mother's. When he was at the office he spent most of the time in drawing. He had no taste for reading he seemed to care nothing for the things which form the pleasure of so many young men, he never went to the theatres or music halls, he had no bicycle, belonged to no athletic club, and, except one or two old school fellows, he had *no friends. Yet of late he had got into the* habit of spending every evening out. Where he went, or what he did, his father did not inquire.

A quiet young man, who seemed to be getting through his youth at a regular, even pace, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, picking no fruits or flowers and running after no butterflies caught by none of the Jack o'-lanterns which lead astray so many of the London youth—his father should *have been satisfied with such a son*.

But he was not. Mr Murridge was disappointed that his son had no passion for anything. Dick was no fool, but he did his work like a machine, he took no interest in *his work, he was spiritless*.

Now, a young man who is not a fool can not be, though he may appear to be, a machine. Parents who have such sons as Dick should remember this proverb which is one of the very few omitted from Solomon's unique collection—how good it is for the world that this king collected proverbs instead of old Phœnician ware and prehistoric potsherds. You will presently discover that Dick was no exception to this proverb.

NORAH CRONAN

Mr Murridge's confidence was enjoyed to a certain extent, by a young lady named Norah Cronan, who called herself his private secretary. He called her his clerk but it made no difference in the salary which remained at the same figure as that enjoyed by Dick namely, seventy five pounds a year. But he did next to nothing for the money and she did the work of three men being as sharp, clever, industrious and zealous a girl as ever man had the good fortune to engage in *his service. She came every morning at* eleven and generally spent an hour or two with her employer before she went off to the museum to the record office, to consult parish registers, to read wills to make extracts, and do all kind of genealogical work which kept her all day long and very often all the evening as well. She was nineteen years of age and she knew—by heart I think—nearly every genealogical work that exists in the vernacular. Of course Mr Murridge did not wholly trust her, perhaps he was afraid she might make discoveries and keep them to herself and make her own market out of them—he had done so himself in the old days perhaps there were certain risky *connections in his pedigrees* which he did not wish to expose to the girls sharp eyes, perhaps he was constitutionally unable to trust anybody wholly. He might very well have trusted her because she had never yet suspected that she might become a money winner instead of a salary earner—most men never do learn that lesson still Norah was not the girl to allow herself to be tempted to go on all their lives upon a wage, and nobly rejoice when the smallness of their own salaries has brought wealth to their employers. Therefore she was honest and entitled to Mr Murridge everything she found, and never dreamed of withholding the least scrap of information. This is praiseworthy in every walk of life but especially laudable in a genealogist because this least scrap is always the thing which is of the greatest importance. Such a simple thing for instance as a single one lined *entry in a parish register containing a marriage* a hundred years ago has been known to prove a very gold mine to the discoverer. No man in the city had a more valuable clerk than Mr Murridge at a cheaper clerk.

Some there are who object to girl clerks on the ground that although they are always honest and may be underpaid and overworked to any extent, and though they never grumble and always carry out orders literally and exactly one cannot swear at them. There is force in the objection though it is not I believe felt by some of the gentlemen who employ girls to sell gloves and bonnets and beer, and sale and brandy, nor is it felt by Mr Murridge who when Norah first came to him, swore at her every day. She did not like being sworn at. It made her limbs tremble and her face turn red and pale, but she thought it wisest to say nothing about it at home, for the usual reason that *there was not much money going* and her small salary was useful, and besides her brother being a student at University College hospital *there was just* then, less than usual. Whenever Mr Murridge's orders were imperfectly obeyed or neglected, he swore at her. Why not? When he was a prentice he had been sworn at every day, cuffed, caned and kicked, until he became a smart prentice and a good engraver. Why should he not swear at his own clerk? He did, and with sad, wearisome iteration of one word that Norah grew to loathe that word and to take any amount of pains and trouble in order not to hear it.

Norah had now, however, been so long *with Mr Murridge, and had worked for* him so well—pedigree hunting is matter of instinct with some, like finding old boots or picking up old coins—that he had almost ceased to use language even in her presence. He knew her value, and in his softer moments he had thoughts even of raising her salary.

At half-past ten in the morning all city offices are in their first fresh vigor and early morning enthusiasm of work. The glow of the dawn, so to speak, is upon them. The glow lingers till about half past eleven, when fatigue and languor begin among the younger brethren; at twelve many have visibly relaxed and have begun to glance at the clock and to wriggle on their seats. It is not, however, until five in the afternoon that the curse of labor is really felt to weigh heavily upon the shoulders of the young clerk. In Mr Murridge's *outer office there was no languor or fatigue* possible, because there was no labor either for Mr Richard or for the boy. It was a season of forgetfulness. No work had been given to Dick for three weeks, and except in the evening when there were letters to be put through the press, no work was ever given to the office boy. During this enforced idleness Dick Murridge sat the whole day at his table by the window, which commanded a view of back yards chimneys and outhouses. He amused himself by drawing girls' heads upon his blotting pad in pencil. When one page was covered he turned it over and drew on the next, so that the pad was become a perfect gallery of loveliness. By dint of long practice he could draw a girl's face very well, whether full or in profile, or a three-quarter face. He looked at his watch a good deal and he grumbled a good deal, and if the office boy made any noise he used bad language, but not loud enough for his father to hear, because Mr Murridge was one of those parents who reserve certain vices for their own use and forbid them to their sons.

The office boy sat at another table, on which was a copying press. He had nothing to do, as a rule, except to copy letters by means of the press and go on errands.

But this boy never found the day too long or the golden hours dull. This was because his table had a drawer. Even to an industrious clerk a drawer is a standing temptation. To the lazy clerk it is an ever-present snare; to the clerk who has nothing to do the drawer is a never failing solace and resource. This boy, a city-born boy, with sharp eyes, pasty face and commonplace features, was able, by means of his drawer, to live all day long in another world. *He kept it half-open*, so that at the least movement or sound from the inner office, or change of position in Mr Murridge, *who sat with his back to him, he could, by* a quick forward movement of his chest, shut the drawer suddenly and noiselessly, and be discovered, so to speak, in the attitude of the expectant ready and zealous clerk, eager to do something which would lessen the drain of his three half crowns a week. Inside the drawer there was always a story—one of those spirit-stirring exciting and romantic stories of adventure which can be bought for a penny, and which never pall upon the reader. So that this boy's days were passed in a *delicious and delirious dream of adventure*, love and peril, tempered only by the fear of being suddenly found out and horribly cuffed or even dismissed, when he would catch it worse at home under the family cane. If the boy is not before long enabled to live up to the dream and to become a rover, pirate, smuggler or highwayman I fear that his whole future will be wrecked. Because there inevitably comes a time of hope too long deferred when the realization of a dream, though possible, no longer seems *delightful*. This boy, at eighteen, may cease to desire the lawless life or if he pursues it, he may become a mere common burglar, forger, long firm man confidential dodge man or welsher—joyless moody apprehensive suspicious and prone to sneak round a corner at sight of a man in blue coat and helmet.

In the front room—Mr Murridge's room—the chief sat at a great table covered with *papers. He was not consulting any*, he had before him half a dozen checks, and he was looking at them with perturbed eyes. Sometimes he compared one with another, sometimes he looked at each separately, and as he looked his hard face grew harder and his keen eyes sharper. Six checks. They were all drawn for the same sum twelve pounds and they were all signed by himself. One would not think that the contemplation of half a dozen checks payable to self or bearer, signed by oneis own name, could take a busy man from his work. But they did.

About eleven o'clock the silence of the office was broken by a light step on the stair. The boy shut up his drawer with a swift and silent jerk of his chest, so that he might be discovered with his elbows on the table and his hands clasping the handles of the copying press a model attitude for the zealous unemployed when the door opened and a young lady appeared carrying a black bag. This was the private secretary. She nodded pleasantly to Dick and passed through the room into the inner office. But Dick responded with a grunt.

Mr Murridge looked up and greeted her with an ill tempered snort.

"You're late again," he said.

"I'm not" she replied. "Eleven is striking, and I never am late and you know it. Be just, even though you are out of temper."

"Your head is turned by your fathers title. I suppose you think you can say what you like. Is the Honorable Norah Cronan *going to continue in her present employment?*"

"I don't know. Very likely. Meantime there is the case to finish. I have brought you some papers you will be pleased to see.

I don't know that anything can please me this morning. Give them to me. Humph! Mighty little considering the time you've taken!"

"Hadn't you better read before you grumble? That's always the way with you when you get your fur rubbed the wrong way. Look at this now."

"Yes will you read it to me?"

She always stood up to him, and generally reduced him to good temper by sheer force of courage. To day, however, he attempted no reminder but meekly gave in without reply. It astonished her. Perhaps he was ill.

"Go on, please."

Norah therefore, sat down and began to explain the name and the bearing of her papers. Genealogical research is really most interesting work. You are always hunting for some one and finding some *one else. Then you go off on a* dozen hunts, and you discover the most abominable falsehoods in printed pedigrees, with gaping flaws, and discontinuous, and impossibilities where everything looked fair and smooth. The girl enjoyed these things more than Mr Murridge for the simple reason that he could never for one moment forget how much money they might mean to him. Now no one ever enjoyed any kind of work whether it was painting a picture with a brush or painting a succession of pictures with a little steel pen and a sheet of blue paper, who keeps thinking all the while of the money. But while Norah told her story a strange thing happened—a very *strange thing. For the first time in his life* Mr Murridge was inattentive and that over an important piece of work. He had often before been irritable, but never inattentive.

Outside, Dick Murridge had returned to his blotting pad and was gloomily drawing girls' heads upon it. The office boy opened his drawer again very gently and resumed the reading of his romance, which had been interrupted at the critical moment when Spring heel Jack was commencing his earliest love adventure. The lady was not described with any detail, but the boy concluded that in figure and face she must have greatly resembled Miss Cronan whom he himself secretly loved, though he was aware that he had a rival. Where would Spring heel Jack have done to a rival! His instincts told him that Miss Cronan was slender in figure, wore a neat fitting jacket, and a hat with *a red feather in it. She had roses in her* cheeks, dark brown hair and full, steady eyes. The boy did not yet know the adjective but he knew the quality of steadiness. She also had, like Miss Cronan a sweet and pleasant smile. The lady in his story, however, did not resemble Miss Cronan in one particular. She was not a young lady in the city" but was a countess in her own right though disguised as a milkmaid.

Half an hour afterward the girl came back to the outer office with her black bag in her hand, on her way to resume her work upon the case. It was however, with a sense that her work had not been appreciated. Mr Murridge was strangely inattentive. She shut the door after her, and turned to Dick, who slightly raised his right shoulder, a gesture familiar to the grumpy, and considered effective. He then made the same gesture with the left shoulder. This indicates unrelenting grumpiness.

"Well, Dick!" she said waiting.

He made no reply whatever. The office boy felt that he really ought to get up and wring the neck of his master's son for incivility. But he was not yet man enough.

Then Norah crossed the room, and laid her hand on Dick's shoulder.

"Come, Dick," she said, "don't be vindictive. Let us be friends."

"Come, Dick," she said, "don't be vindictive."

"Friends!" he replied. "Oh, yes, I know! You told me there was nothing between you and anybody, and next day I am told all about Hugh. Call that truthfulness, I suppose?"

"It was the truth, Dick. It really was."

"I don't believe it. Sapphira!"

"Well, Dick, if you take it like that, I've got nothing to say."

"I don't care what happens now. If anything happens it's your fault—you and all of you."

"What will happen, Dick?"

"Anything may happen. I suppose

Continued next week.

ORCHARD AND VINEYARD.

Communications on subjects of interest to fruit growers and vineyardists solicited for this department.

TRAVELING EXHIBITS

For two or three years Oregon has been *setting an example in the matter of* spreading abroad a knowledge of her resources which is worthy of imitation by every community which is desirous of attracting immigration. It is a comparatively *easy matter to describe in print* the many products of the soil, but when everything has been thus said that is possible, it does not have one half the force that a single ocular demonstration of those products exerts. Some of the progressive men of Oregon have recognized this fact, and the novel plan of sending exhibition cars to the East has been tried, with the best results. The Northern Pacific railroad, which, of course, is directly interested in attracting all the immigration possible over its line, entered heartily into the project, and cars especially fitted up for the purpose were provided. All kinds of farm products of an imperishable nature were furnished in abundance, and, with ample supplies of printed matter concerning the great northwest state, these traveling exhibits were dispatched east to those points where they would do the most good. They have gone from city to city throughout the East, and have attracted thousands of visitors at every stopping place. A stay of but a couple of days at one point has done more good in educating people to a true appreciation of the possibilities of a section which too many *yet regard as little better than a wilderness*, than would all the pamphlets and papers that could be printed and distributed in five years. The good effects of these exhibits have been apparent from the first, and recently another car has been fitted up and sent East under the management of an experienced newspaper man fully posted upon the resources of his state.

The example set by Oregon is well worth being followed by California. Almost every one knows what a furor was created at Chicago, at Louisville and at New Orleans by the exhibits at those cities of California fruits, wines, etc. The good accomplished was great, but the number of people who were enabled to see those displays was, after all, comparatively limited. It would well repay the immigration societies of this state to unite in such a project as that adopted in Oregon and send, say half a dozen such cars to as many different sections east of the Mississippi river, making stoppages of a week or so at all the principal points. Much money is annually spent upon making collections for display at various points in this state, but, after all, who are the people who are profited by them? The majority of visitors are those who are already fully posted as to the resources of the state, and those whom it is most desirable to educate are not *reached at all. More* good is accomplished by the displays made in San Francisco than anywhere else, because there

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FRESNO'S RAISIN CROP

There has been some complaint on the part of small vineyard owners that the prices being offered for their crops were not as large as they had good reason to expect. Few of the colonists are prepared to properly cure their grapes and pack them, so they prefer to sell them as they come from the vine or in the sweat boxes. First-class raisin grapes have been quoted in the market as worth $35 to $30 per ton, while the standing offer has been $30 per ton in the sweat boxes. Last year the grapes in sweat boxes brought $120 per ton, and there is every reason to believe that this will be the ruling price within two weeks from the present time. Our reason for extending this encouragement to the producers is the fact that Wm. T. Coleman & Co. have leased Mrs. Austin-Blatchley's dryer and packing house at Hedgeow vineyard, have purchased her entire crop of raisin grapes on the vines, and will enter into competition with other large firms in the purchase of grapes, either on the vines or partially cured. The Curtis Fruit Packing Co. last year erected a very large dryer and packing house in Washington Colony, and we understand that this company proposes to handle a large share of the Fresno raisin pack this season. Geo. W. Meade & Co., who recently purchased the fruit cannery in this city with the intention of drying it into a raisin drying and packing establishment, are alive to their own interests and will not permit any other firm to secure the lion's share. Thus we have three of the largest and best known firms on the Pacific coast directly interested in securing a first-class pack of our raisins, and it is safe to say that Fresno raisins will never go a begging in any market after this season, no matter how great the pack may be. And with three such firms eager to secure the bulk of the crop, there is no reason why the raisin crop of this county should not net each producer a handsome return.

THE EASTERN EARTHQUAKE.

On last Tuesday night a very large area in the eastern portion of the United States was visited by the most severe earthquake shock known in the history of the western hemisphere. The most remarkable feature of this convulsion was the large territory affected and the simultaneousness with which widely separated points were reached by the vibrations. Charleston, S. C., and adjacent territory appears to have been the center of the shock, or at least, in that section it was much more severe than in any other locality. The city of Charleston is almost in ruins, while the town of Summerville is practically destroyed. Hundreds of persons were killed or wounded in these places. From the dispatches of Wednesday we glean some of the following particulars:

CHARLESTON, Sept. 1st—The city is a complete wreck. Fully two thirds of the residences in the city are uninhabitable, being wrecked either totally or partially. It is impossible at this time to give a correct estimate of the casualties, but it is expected that between fifty and one hundred persons have been killed and several hundred wounded. At the time of the first shock fires broke out in five different places in the city. About twenty houses were destroyed by fire. Not to exceed one hundred houses in the city are occupied at this time. The people are all camped in the open places. All the stores are closed and a scarcity of provisions is feared because no one can get to go to the stores to sell them.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Sept. 1st—J. H. Averill, of the South Carolina Railroad, telegraphs from Summerville that many persons have been killed and hundreds rendered homeless. The whole business portion of the city is totally wrecked. The passenger train from Columbia to Charleston was thrown from the track near Summerville last night, and the engineer and fireman killed. The passengers on the wrecked train, and those of this morning's train, including the telegraph company's linemen, have not reached Charleston.

Although several shocks occurred during the night, the entire damage was done by the first, which occurred at 9:50 p. m. At New York City dispatches were received from all parts of the country, which show that the principal shock was felt from the Gulf of Mexico to the Lakes, and from the Atlantic to the Missouri river, but was nowhere so severe as in North and South Carolina. The loss of life and property is for the most part confined to Charleston and vicinity.

California has hitherto enjoyed the celebrity of having been shaken harder by earthquakes than any other section of the country, but such earthquakes as have been experienced here are mild in comparison with the convulsion which has just occurred on the Atlantic side of the continent. California has always been compelled to yield the palm to the east in the matter of cyclones, floods, and other unpleasant activity of the elements, and now it appears that our earthquake record has become comparatively a very small affair. But earthquakes are not regulated by climatic conditions, and as they have during the last year or two become alarmingly frequent in various parts of the earth, it would not be well for Californians to begin talking about the exemption of their favored land from earthquakes, for a while at least. For the present it is enough for us to express our sympathy for our fellow citizens who are suffering from so dreadful a calamity.

Reports have been made objections to Mr. Melone heretofore as a politician; but we note that our principal objections to his ticket date during the campaign will be found to be the fact that he is a Republican. Fresno Sun.

So far as we are informed this is the only objection (?) that can be urged against Mr. Swift, and this being a recommendation instead of an objection, the worthy Democratic contemporary will find it necessary to devote its energies to the effort to prove that its candidate is a better man than the Republican candidate. But the Sun is a more considerate newspaper than some of our contemporaries, and we have no doubt that before election many of its friends will be found trying to convince the people that Mr. Swift is a very bad Democrat, because of his record and the

[illegible] Sun, M. F. Hatchley sold the balance of his raisin crop at wholesale [illegible] cents per pound, the return [illegible] Fresno vineyard yield [illegible] the cost, and then [illegible] make it

THE TICKET AND PLATFORM.

Since our issue of last week the Republican State Convention at Los Angeles completed its work, and the ticket and platform of principles are now before the people. So far as it is possible to obtain an expression of public opinion, both the ticket and platform are accepted with general and hearty approval by Republicans in all parts of the state. It is generally conceded that the ticket is one among the strongest and best that has ever been placed in nomination by any political organization in California. In John F. Swift for Governor the party has a candidate whose ability and integrity are as nearly unquestioned as that of any public man in the state. Mr. Swift has been known in California for many years, and we believe he has been upon the right side of every question of public moment. Though never playing the part of a demagogue, he has always been found consistently advocating the interest of the people as opposed to railroad or other monopoly. On the Chinese question he has been a staunch and persistent advocate and a zealous worker for the laboring men of his own race. He has never advocated extreme measures, but whenever the occasion demanded he has worked earnestly and tirelessly to secure legislation to stop the influx of Chinese and is the author of some of the ablest papers that have ever been written against the immigration of Chinese to this country. Upon the more recent question of irrigation, Mr. Swift states himself to be in favor of a just and equitable distribution of the waters of natural streams for the purpose of fertilizing the arid valley. A gentleman of this place who is most earnestly and practicably in favor of irrigation and in whose opinion we have the greatest confidence, has had an extensive correspondence with Mr Swift, and this gentleman says that the views expressed by Mr. Swift are sound upon the question of irrigation. Indeed, we believe that Mr. Swift possesses a fund of sterling common sense which will not fail to lead him aright upon all the grave questions which the next Governor of California will be called to act. The balance of the ticket is composed of men of well known ability and standing, and so far as we have knowledge of the men, they are all well fitted to occupy the positions to which they aspire. The views held by the nominees for Judges of the Supreme Court upon the question of irrigation are of more than ordinary importance, and as we are possessed of but little information concerning the opinions held by these gentlemen we shall reserve any endorsement of them until such time as we have been able to secure information that they are in favor of allowing the diversion of the surplus water from the channels of our natural streams.

The platform appears to be upon the whole sound and well put. The people of irrigation districts would have been pleased if the irrigation plank had more explicitly expressed the doctrine that there has been no acquirement of water rights except by actual and beneficial use, whether the claimant thereto is a land holder upon the banks of a stream or elsewhere. But this platform declares more strongly and unequivocally for irrigation than any former political platform, and so far as it goes, enunciates sound and beneficial doctrine. The demand of the platform for an amendment to the constitution which will permit local and special legislation on the question, we believe, is a necessary step towards its final and satisfactory settlement. The platform entire is published in another column, and is well worth the careful perusal of every voter regardless of party affiliations.

AMENDE HONORABLE.

THE REPUBLICAN desires always to give actual facts only in all matters which concern the public, and especially in those matters which in any way reflect upon the reputation of individuals or communities. A few months ago a resident of Fresno Flats volunteered to give us some information concerning the character of the anti Chinese league of that place, and believing that the information given was wholly reliable, we made some pretty strong comments upon the character of that association, and the reputation of those whom we were led to believe were most prominent in its organization and its subsequent conduct. Recently we have received from various sources such information that we can no longer doubt that several of the former statements made to us were very materially exaggerated, and the conclusions which we drew from them were not justified by the facts. The mob violence reported to have taken place on the night of the Democratic primaries appears to have been nothing more than an altercation between two parties, one of whom was overloaded with party enthusiasm. In regard to the report that toughs and hard characters run the league, it appears to the contrary the leading and most reputable citizens took a prominent part from the start and have continued to give their support to the organization. We make this statement because we have become convinced that our former information was misleading and that justice to the people of that community demand that the real facts be given. We have not changed our opinion of boycotting in the slightest degree. We believe it is unlawful and contrary to the vital principles of good government, and we are of the opinion that a majority of the intelligent citizens of Fresno Flats realize now that they have made a mistake in their hasty adoption of such a bad means of accomplishing a good work.

THE nomination of Goucher for State Senator from this district is an action which every honorable Democrat should spurn. Fresno county is tied up with three mining counties, Mariposa, Mono and Alpine, the four constituting Senate District No. 34. Fresno has more assessable property, more inhabitants, pays more taxes and is gaining more rapidly in population and wealth than the other three counties combined. The best interests of Fresno county demand that we have a Senator who is identified with us. It is folly to send a man from a mining county to represent the most extensive orchard and vineyard section of the state. We believe that if the Republicans will put up a man from this section who can carry Fresno county (and there are those who are undoubtedly do so against Mr. Goucher) that he will be elected.

If Henry George, the labor theorist and [illegible], should succeed in making himself Mayor of New York, he would be in [illegible] sufficient cause for [illegible] adjourned for one [illegible] this year.

Mr. George has a wide reputation, and the capacity, doubtless, for extending his fame and fortune in that direction. But should it come to making a practical application of his pretty theories in the administration of a municipal government, the great labor advocate would find himself frequently in very deep water. It Mr. George would retain the greatness he has already achieved, he had better stick to his talking and book writing and leave practical politics to men less gifted with ideas.

FIRST CAMPAIGN PREVARICATION

In last Tuesday's *Expositor* was a lengthy editorial, the text of which was taken from a speech alleged to have been made at the banquet given at Los Angeles by Mr. Swift after his nomination for Governor. The speaker, whose name (for an obvious reason) is not given, is accredited with having made the following remarks:

"We've got an American ticket at last. There isn't an Irishman, a Jew or a German on the ticket. We had a pretty hard time putting the kibosh on that Dutchman, Weil, but we got there just the same!"

If some hare-brained nonentity had made such a speech, no fair-minded man would think of holding Mr. Swift responsible for it, but the fact is that no such speech was made. Parties who were present assert that nothing was said which could possibly be distorted into meaning anything of the kind. To be of any effect, such campaign lies must be brought out just upon the eve of election.

THE Colusa *Sun* sets up the claim that the waters of the Sacramento river are the most healthful of any in the state, and cites in support of the assertion that out of a dozen or fifteen steamboat captains who have been constantly on the river for many years past, scarcely a death has occurred, and these men are all more than ordinarily healthy and robust specimens. If there is anything in appearance, the waters of the Sacramento are equally nourishing as the average restaurant soup de bouillon, but it the popular tradition stands good that the steamboat captain scorns the use of any sort of water as a beverage, the *Sun* has drawn upon the wrong source for convincing evidence of the life giving qualities of Sacramento river water.

CHANCELLOR HARTSON, the popular contestant for the Republican nomination for Governor, was tendered the nomination for Congressman from the First district, but declined the honor. Mr. Hartson's friends, however, are urging him to reconsider his decision, and it is hoped that he may do so. The First district is very evenly divided, politically, and a strong and popular candidate must be put forward to assure Republican success. That district is now misrepresented by Senor Henley, of the hostile republic of Mexico.

SHORT BITS

JOHN A. MCKAY has given up the stage and is running a shoe store in New York. It is an easy step from the footlights to the footwear business.

FASHION Item: "Shot effects are seen in woolens for autumn wear." During the watermelon season the "shot effects" are mostly worn in the vicinity of the coat-tail pockets.

"Do you understand the nature of an oath?" asked a local Justice of a foothill witness the other day. "I rather reckon I orter," replied the witness, "I've been drivin' an eight mule team for nigh onto three years."

AN exchange asks, "What class of men in a community are the most honored and trusted?" We don't know about the honor, but we know that about two thirds of the people who subscribe for newspapers are trusted.

WM. P. DAVIDGE, of the Palmer Dramatic Company, has played during his professional career eleven hundred different characters. If the gentleman had devoted his versatility to politics, there is no telling to what heights his talents might have led him.

A CORRESPONDENT of a city daily paper heads an article "In and Around Calico." If the correspondent is a married man, when he gets home he will have to explain that he has been monkeying around a mining town by the name of Calico.

THE Merced *Express* says that the mineral well at Modesto is the long looked-for fountain of youth, and causes the old to sing and dance. The water from this well is evidently used like water is generally used in Modesto—one part water to ten parts whisky.

AN American of large dimensions around the girth observing a German of extensive equatorial development, said: "My friend, how did you succeed in producing the magnificent bay window which adorns your person?" "Dot is mine pussiness, mine frendt. Surbe you aden to your pussiness und I adends to mine."

"I wonder," said Mrs. Lowerlevel, talking to Mrs. Hightower over her Nob Hill gate the other day, "why the papers so often refer to the late Mr. Tilden as the 'seer.' He didn't belong to the nobility, did he?" "No, indeed," replied Mrs. Hightower, "Mr. Tilden was no kind of a nobleman, he was a Democrat. They called him a 'seer' because he was such a wonderful finan-seer, you know."

Minutes of City Trustees.

The City Trustees held a business meeting Monday night, present, Faymonville, Tombs and Hughes. Absent, Graves and Braly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

City Marshal C. T. Swain filed his report of the amounts and from whom he had collected city licenses for the month of August. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The petitions of G. W. Hensley and L. F. Winchell and the application of J. H. Bartlett to be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the City Marshal were read. Thos. E. Hughes moved the appointment of J. H. Bartlett to fill the vacancy upon his filing a good and sufficient bond according to law. The motion was seconded by A. Tombs and carried unanimously.

The bills of J. N. Fanning and H. B. Choice, laid over from last meeting, were postponed indefinitely. The following bills were presented and allowed: C. T. Swain, salary for August, $80; G. W. Hensley, pound fees, $8; G. W. Hensley, labor, $13.

Dr. Leach appeared before the Board as a representative of the water works, and informed the Board that the works could not furnish pipes and plugs for the proposed experiments on a fire department, on account of the heavy expense connected therewith, and suggested a method to meet the demands of a city fire department.

The Board then adjourned for one [illegible]

Gossip About the Telephone.

[New York Sun]

The colossal financial success of the Bell Telephone company has made it comparatively easy for any one who talks telephone to get the ears of capitalists, while the number of men who have been devoting their lives to the building of other and better telephones than Bell's is great. Inventors, professional and amateur, are swarming over telephones, like moths in a newly discovered gold country. The patent office in Washington is the depository, and in most cases the sepulchre, of a thousand and one ingenious, specific modes, devices, all having for their object the transmission of the voice through electrically charged wires. There are even projects for the transmission of sound through the water at sea from ship to ship and there are plans for house, hold army and almost countless other telephones, some even dodging the stumbling block that has so long protected the Bell patents, to wit, Judge Lowell's decision that the discovery of the power of an electric current to transmit the human voice is patentable. A good many telephones have been formed, some of them backed by plenty of money, like the Drawbaugh, some of them unquestionably for the purpose of compelling the Bell company to buy or compromise, possibly some for the purpose of making a venture with the Bell on which to get an opinion from the supreme court on the soundness of Judge Lowell's opinion, but all of them confident that if they only get the chance to work it their telephone will be as great a gold mine as Bell's has been.

It is not forgotten by capitalists though it is perhaps by enthusiastic inventors, that the Bell company is a far better financial success than its instrument is a practical one. Bell himself, who is not a financier, would probably have gone the way of all poor inventors had he not happened to marry the daughter of one of the most skillful financiers in the country, and an expert in telegraph stocks and management, Mr Gardiner Hubbard. When Mr Hubbard took hold of the Bell machine, organized the company, and managed it after the manner of men skilled in the development of corporate wealth, its financial success was assured. Nobody knows how much money has been made for the original stockholders, but everybody knows that dazzling fortunes have been acquired in almost no time. But nobody realizes better than Mr Bell that his telephone is not yet perfect. Far from it. It does not always work satisfactorily, and, as a general thing, for long distances it is practically worthless as yet. It sometimes is a nuisance, as when the wires are cut off, or in other ways that suggest themselves to all users. So Bell is as diligently at work now as when he was first planning it to see where the improvements can be made. Other companies doubtless have improvements, great ones, but these have been patented, although the patents avail little, because all these telephones make use of the electric current for the transmission of the voice.

There has been of late unquestionably something of a reaction on the part of the public especially in New England, from the high favor in which the telephone was held. This has been partly due to the charges, partly to inefficiency, and partly because many customers have come to regard the instruments as more of a bother than a benefit. In Lowell, Holyoke, Stamford and Grand Rapids very serious and organized opposition has been developed, so that a large percentage of instruments have been ordered out. Some shopkeepers say that their telephones are nuisances, because people are continually calling them up on all sorts of trivial, trivial matters, thereby taking their time, and often providing them to unseemly irritation. But the experience of the telephone people has been that people who have once used the telephone sooner or later order it put up again.

There prevails an impression among capitalists who have given some attention to money pots bubbling in telephones that the Bell people do not expect always to defend their bonanza, so to speak, with a monopoly. Such capitalists profess to think that the shrewd financiers of the Bell company are aware that telephones will be as common as any day as frees to all as telegraphs, and that all any company can do will be to protect its instrument by patent. Whether this is a correct opinion or not, it prevails and to it is largely due the willingness of capitalists to look with favor upon any telephone scheme. Inventors now have no difficulty in getting men with money to examine and test their telephones, and there are some very superior ones in the market.

A sergeant in the United States signal corps invented a field telephone remarkable for simplicity as well as ingenuity, an instrument so simple and yet so perfect that it could be exposed to all weathers and manipulated by men who could neither read nor write. A Washington stove dealer invented a house telephone, a simple little contrivance making use of gas and water pipes instead of wires, attached to which in each room was a transmitter and receiver. But he was informed that his machine was an infringement of the Bell, though he made no use of electrical current, and he abandoned his intention of making a business of furnishing these instruments to hotels.

The simplest telephone in existence, and one that will probably be left unused by the great corporation is in operation in Fayetteville, N. C. It is an old telegraph wire each end twisted into a thin shred of wood, and its total distance about a quarter of a mile, extending from the hotel office to the livery stable. Yet, rude as it is, it serves its purpose admirably, carrying the voice over the wire with perfect clearness, though one has to use some considerable lung power.

There is now on exhibition in the Fifth Avenue hotel a telephone built by Iowa men, and it is certainly a most interesting machine. In a little box no bigger than a half pint cup is the transmitter, and in another little box is the receiver. They are attached to hand-sticks. Put the transmitter to your mouth and the receiver to your ear, and you can hear the owner as he talks with perfect ease through what is measured as 200 miles of wire. There is no battery, except the magnetic armature in the little box. There is understood to be plenty of money back of this instrument, and its owners are confident that it is going to prove an ugly little rival of the Bell.

Frugal Habits of David Davis.

Though in the possession of ample means—his wealth was rated in the millions—David Davis continued to observe the frugal manners of his early days, even after being appointed a justice of the supreme court and elected senator. Punctually at 1 o'clock every day he made his way to the stand kept for many years by a woman called "Dyspepsia Mary," and there ate his lunch, which consisted of two apples, a ginger cookie and a glass of milk, costing him fifteen cents in all. This bill of fare was never changed.

In other ways he was equally economical. I doubt if his expenses before his marriage amounted to more than $3,500 a year. He lived at an old fashioned hotel where a modest apartment was always kept in readiness for him. This he used as a sleeping room, sitting room and office combined. It was here that he spent most of his time when not occupied in the discharge of his official duties. He was at all times accessible to callers. Though fond of company, he was rarely seen in "society." The empty chatter of drawing rooms had no attractions for him. With a few congenial spirits, however, he knew how to exchange the small talk of the hour, and play the agreeable host.—Washington Cor. New York Tribune.

The Monitor's Narrow Escape.

Since the opening of the Monitor Merrimac naval battle panorama last January, the spectacle has been witnessed by many persons who saw the actual engagement in Hampton roads twenty-five years ago. Not long ago the panorama was visited by one who actually participated in the battle. This visitor was Samuel Driscoll, a fireman on the Monitor. He was loud in his praises of the mimic fight, and imparted a bit of news concerning the Monitor. He said that immediately after the engagement the Monitor broke the rod of her eccentric, and was laid up off the Rip Raps for nearly two weeks in an entirely defenseless condition. She might at any time during that period have been destroyed by the Merrimac, but she deceived her enemy by keeping up steam.—New York Times.

Machine Guns for the British.

After much dallying and hesitation, the British war office has decided to adopt the machine gun for the army. Three-barreled Nordenfeldts, each weighing sixty pounds, and firing 400 bullets in one minute, and five-barreled guns of 136 pounds, and firing 600 rounds a minute, are to be sent to Egypt and India. The twelve-barreled gun, that fires 1,200 rounds a minute, is being experimented with.—Chicago Herald.

Nurses, a class annually responsible for much trouble at summer hotels, are "not taken" at several this year.

FRESNO MARKET REPORT.

PRICES PAID FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE

Butter	55 to 65c per roll
Barley	85 to 90c per ctl
Chickens	$3 to $4½ per doz
Eggs	20c per doz
Hides, green	6c to 8c per lb
Hides, dry	11 to 18c per lb
Hay	$5 to $10 per ton
Honey	6 to 8c per lb
Lard	9 to 12½ per lb
Turkeys	11 to 12½ per lb
Wheat	$1 10 to $1 15 per ctl
Alfalfa seed	11 to 16c per lb
Wool	10 to 16c

Following are the prices for which articles are sold at retail in this market:

Butter	50 to 65c per roll
Beans	4½ to 5c per lb
Bacon	12½ to 14c
Barley, whole	90c
Barley, ground	$1 00 per ctl
Cheese	20 to 25c
Coffee	6 lbs to $1
Corn meal, 10 lbs	50c
Dried Apples	8c
Dried peaches	8 to 10c
Eggs	6 lbs to 25c
Flour	98c to $1 50 per ctl
Hams	10 to 15c
Salt, table salt, fine dairy, Liverpool, extra table	2c
Sugar, Golden C, Golden C, 10c, Dry Granulated	12 lbs for $1
Syrup, 1 gal tins 75c, $1 5 gal kegs	$1 50 to $1 60
Tea	50 to 75c

FOR ASSEMBLYMAN

J. P. VINCENT REPUBLICAN NOMINEE for Assemblyman. Solicits the support of the qualified electors of Fresno county at the ensuing election.

FOR SHERIFF.

N. W. MOODY SOLICITS THE VOTES of the people of Fresno county.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

J. G. RHODES, CANDIDATE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE for Justice of the Peace, Third Township.

FRANK SHORT, REPUBLICAN NOMINEE for Justice of the Peace, Third Township.

FOR CONSTABLE

C. P. MALLON, REGULAR DEMOCRATIC nominee for Constable of the third township, subject to the vote of the people.

J. N. FANNING, REGULAR REPUBLICAN nominee for Constable of the third township, subject to the vote of the people.

H. C. COWELL, REGULAR REPUBLICAN nominee for Constable of the third township, subject to the vote of the people.

FOR TREASURER

JOHN SHAFER, CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER of Fresno county, subject to the vote of the people. November 2nd, 1886.

WANTED.

SITUATION FOR SMART YOUTH OF 14. Apply to Scott P. O. Box 170, Fresno.

WANTED.

A WOMAN TO DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply to Mrs. H. C. Tupper.

FOR SALE.

SIX TOYS AND HARD FINISHED HOUSE with shed, from pantry 14th and Merced windmill. Look them over and bring all new. Parlor set and other furniture sold at sacrifice. TUCHNSPAW, corner Merced and [illegible] streets.

ANTI-CHINESE.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE Anti Chinese Social Science Association of Fresno, at the City Hall, Friday evening, Sept. 17th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Anti Chinese Convention, to be held at San Luis Obispo, Sept. 21st. By order of the Executive Committee. [illegible]

WOOD WANTED.

SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING FORTY cords of good stove wood to be delivered in the school yard of the Fresno City School District, on or before the 1st day of November, 1886, will be received by the undersigned Trustees, at their office, on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, September 4, 1886. Each bid must be accompanied by a sufficient bond in the sum of three hundred dollars. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. M. K. BARNES, Secretary Board of Education of Fresno City.

CITY TAXES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TAXES on all real estate in arrears on the City Assessment Roll of Fresno City, will be delinquent on the 1st day of September, 1886, and will be advertised for sale on the 1st Monday in October, 1886, at the Council Chamber, Fresno City, unless the same be paid prior thereto. Parties desiring to pay their taxes can find the Assessment Roll at the office of the City Marshal, in the City Hall, Fresno City. [illegible]

DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE.

Fresno Enterprise Co., Gertrude, Cal.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON the following described stock, on account of assessment duly levied on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1886, as many shares of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at the office of the company in Gertrude, Fresno county, California, on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1886, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of such day, to pay delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

NAME	Certificate No.	No. Shares	Amount
Geo. E. Wood	[illegible]	[illegible]	$ 10 00
"	[illegible]	10	11 00
"	[illegible]	100	110 00
Mrs. Mary Mitchell	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 00
Mrs. Clara Burdett	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 00
Edwin H. Lane	[illegible]	[illegible]	110 00
Mrs. Electa Dunn	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 00
Geo. H. Parker	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 00
"	[illegible]	[illegible]	10 00
"	[illegible]	[illegible]	110 00
"	[illegible]	[illegible]	110 00
"	[illegible]	100	50 00
"	[illegible]	100	50 00
"	[illegible]	100	50

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RAILROAD TIME-TABLE.

GOING NORTH.

Overland Passenger, ...	2:17 A. M.
Local Passenger, (Sundays excepted)	11:52 A. M.
Emigrant, ...	9:55 A. M.

GOING SOUTH.

Overland Passenger, ...	12:24 A. M.
Local Passenger, (Sundays excepted)	5:42 P. M.
Emigrant, ...	3:00 P. M.

FRESNO LODGE, No. 186, I. O. O. F.

MEETS EVERY MONDAY EVENING IN Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Mariposa and J streets. All members in good standing are respectfully requested to attend.

YOSEMITE LODGE, No. 171, A. O. U. W.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT Odd Fellows' Hall. A full attendance of members in good standing solicited.

FRESNO LODGE, No. 409, I. O. G. T.

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting members of the order cordially welcomed, and prompt attendance of home members earnestly requested

FRESNO LODGE, No. 247, F. and A. M.

STATED MEETING ON THE FRIDAY on or preceeding the full of the moon. Brothers in good standing are requested to attend.

VINELAND LODGE, No. 67 K. of P.,

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING in Masonic hall. All Knights in good standing are requested to attend.

A. L. OF H.

POMONA COUNCIL, No 622, MEETS ON the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Masonic Hall.

FRESNO PARLOR, No 25, N. S. G. W.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Hall. Sojourning Brothers are invited to attend.
W. T. LYON, President.
E. F. BERNHARD, Secretary.

BLUE AND GRAY VETERANS.

FRESNO CAMP NO 1, MEETS THE FIRST and third Saturday night of each month.
U. J. STEVENS, Commander.
F. NEBLOCH, Adjutant

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY SABBATH (Saturday) at 10 a. m. in Good Templars' Hall, Mariposa street, over Lewison's store. All are cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THERE WILL BE SERVICES IN THE Catholic Church of Fresno every Sunday except the third Sunday of every month, when the pastor officiates at Madera.
REV. V. AGUILERA, P. P.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY, MORNING and evening. REV. D. O. KELLEY, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 11 A. M. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
G. W. GOODELL, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY MORNING and evening. Cor. of K and Kern Sts. Sabbath School at the close of morning services.
W. W. NEWSHAVE, Pastor.

FRESNO CITY LODGE, U. O. of H.

MEETS EVERY 1st AND 3rd SATURDAY of each month in F. H. Short's office.
L. FULTON, Rec. Secretary

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REGULAR SERVICES AT 11 O'CLOCK A. m., and 7:30 p. m., every Sunday, at Armory Hall. Sabbath School at 12-15.
I. N. HURD, Pastor.

ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS.

HARMONY COUNCIL, NO. 56, MEETS the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month in office of L. Fulton, at 8 o'clock sharp.
GEO. SNUDER, C. C.

Dr. Burts, of Kingsburg, was in town Thursday.

D. R Shaler returned from the coast last Saturday.

Dr. Graves has returned from a visit to Santa Rosa.

Chris. Ankle was up from Visalia the first of the week.

Capt. Muller spent a few days in San Francisco this week.

Jas E Gilmour has returned from a short visit to the city.

Hon. W L Smith, of Mariposa, was in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. M K Harris returned Monday from a visit to Oakland.

Mrs. T N Griffith and child returned Wednesday from the coast.

C C Sinks, proprietor of the Traver Hotel, was in Fresno last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs F H Ball returned Monday from a month's visit in San Francisco.

Miss Susie Daly returned Wednesday night from a lengthy visit to San Francisco

H. C. Varner and family returned Monday night from an extended sojourn on the coast.

Mrs. Lizzie McCoy, of Kingsburg, has been visiting relatives in this city during the week.

Philip Stewart returned from Pine Ridge last Saturday, considerably improved in health.

M. Webster, of the City Drug Store, returned the first of the week from a trip to San Francisco.

W. Y. Allen, late clerk in Brown's dry goods store, started to-day for his former home in Tennessee.

E W. Chapman, the well-known vineyardist and sackman of Madera, was in Fresno Monday last.

Judge Campbell and County Clerk Williams have been in San Francisco a portion of the week.

Rev. C. W. Stowell, of Merced, will preach at the Methodist church, on K street, Sunday evening at 7.30.

Miss Jennie Hall returned to Fresno last Saturday and has again taken charge of the Western Union telegraph office.

Mrs C W. DeLong and family returned Wednesday from Pacific Grove, where they have been spending the warm season

J R Webb and sisters in law, Mrs. J G. Anderson and Miss Hattie Jamison, returned last Saturday from a trip to San Francisco

J R Payne, who performed the duties of agent for Wells, Fargo & Co. during the absence of Mr. Edmunds, has returned to San Francisco.

J. W Short and wife returned home last Saturday evening from a three week's visit to Calistoga and camping tour in be Sonoma redwoods.

W. E James returned on Thursday, last week, from a brief visit at Los Angeles, at which place Mrs. James has been visiting relatives for a number of weeks past.

R. Marks, of the State Irrigation Committee, stopped over last Sunday in this city. He was on his way from Los Angeles to attend the Democratic convention in San Francisco.

J. W. Ferguson and family went to San Francisco last Monday. His family will enjoy city life and scenes for a few days, while J W will take in the Democratic State Convention.

J H Daly returned home Wednesday evening from a visit to San Francisco He will appear as District Attorney in the case of the people against Hinds, Donahoo and Qualls, which comes up today.

Hon. E J. Griffith, of this place, was an aspirant before the Democratic convention for the congressional nomination for this district. J. G. Lynch, of the Los Angeles *Herald*, knocked the per simmon.

Miss Nina Weaver returned on Wednesday evening from a visit of several weeks in San Francisco. Miss Emma Weaver, who has also been in San Francisco, is now visiting friends and relatives in southern California.

Rev. J. C. Jordan having returned from his vacation, the Baptist church will be reopened next Sunday with the regular services morning and evening, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the evening a short song service will precede the sermon.

W. D Grady was mentioned this week by San Francisco papers as a prominent candidate for Attorney General. It is too bad for Grady to thus turn the cold shoulder on the honor which his fellow citizens of Fresno are so anxious to thrust upon him.

County Supt R. A. Hawkins will start upon his annual tour of inspection of schools next week. Voters will please take notice that the expenses of this trip are paid by the county, and that it is in no manner connected with political affairs.

People who have been absent from home, spending the warm season in the mountains or at the seashore, are now rapidly returning home, where from the present till the middle of next summer they can enjoy a climate as nearly perfect as can be found any place in the world.

EXCURSION TO SAN JOSE.—Fresno Native Sons have made arrangements to attend the grand celebration of Admission Day, Sept. 9th, at San Jose. The railroad company has made a special reduction in the price of round trip tickets, the fare being placed at $10 95 from this point via San Francisco. Tickets will be on sale to the public at the ticket office in this city next Tuesday, and will be good for five days.

COMMITTEE RETURNED.—Messrs J. W. North, A. B. Butler and T. C. White, members of the committee of Fresno raisin growers sent to San Francisco to ask the railroad managers for a reduction of freight rates on raisins, returned from the city on Monday last. The committee had a conference with Mr. Stanford, and from remarks made by the gentleman they are pretty confident that a change will be made shortly which will be decidedly beneficial to our raisin producers.

SUICIDE.—Wednesday evening a man stopping at the lodging house on the corner of Tulare and H streets took an overdose of morphine, evidently with suicidal intent. He was known as old man Maxwell, was a prospector or miner, and was at one time a partner of Capt. R. P. Mace of Madera in the mining business. At the time of his death he owned a promising claim in the Fine Gold district, but had not the means to develop it. He was supposed to have been a native of New York; was in destitute circumstances and suffering from disease at the time of taking his own life. An inquest was held, at which the foregoing facts were elicited. He was buried by the county.

BUSINESS FAILURE.—G. F. Ward, of the American Cash Store, went to San Francisco last week, and his clerks becoming convinced during his absence that San Francisco creditors were about to attach the stock of goods, they proceeded on Tuesday morning to sell goods at such prices as were an inducement to buyers, and by noon had cleared out enough goods to cover a considerable portion of Ward's indebtedness to them. The store was then closed, and since that time attachments have been placed on the goods aggregating between three and four thousand dollars. Most of the indebtedness is to San Francisco wholesale houses, only $775 of the amount being for Fresno creditors. Mr. Ward returned on Tuesday, and professes to have been much surprised to find matters in the shape they were. The Cash Store has been apparently doing a good business, and Mr. Ward assigns no cause for his failure.

FINE TABLE GRAPES.—Mr. J. H. Sewell, of Central Colony, left at this office this week a box of the handsomest grapes we have ever seen. The bunches would weigh from three to five pounds, and the grapes were of such immense size that they had more the appearance of plums than grapes. In color they are a very dark rich purple. Mr. Sewell planted a few vines of this sort some years ago, and had not learned what variety they were until recently visited by State Inspector Klee, who informed him that they are the Black Morocco, one of the finest table grapes known. They certainly leave nothing to be desired either in appearance or flavor. Such grapes ought to command a high price in any market, and if this variety will stand shipment to the East it can certainly be produced at a fine profit here Mr. Sewell says that his vines are very prolific, bearing continuously and heavily from the middle of August till the first of November.

FINE WEATHER.—California has been favored with an exceptionally nice summer, so far as freedom from excessive heat is concerned. Fresno has experienced but one week of uncomfortable weather so far, and it is quite likely that we will not be bothered on that account so late in the season as September. The Mississippi valley has not been so fortunate in this respect as the great interior valley of California. A paper published in Montgomery county, Missouri, of the date of August 14th, gives an account of such weather there as has never been experienced in this state. The thermometer indicated 112 degrees in the shade; not a breath of air was stirring, and the heat was so intense that labor of all kinds had to be suspended Within an hour's time the weather underwent a violent change; the mercury went down about 40 degrees, and a destructive hailstorm followed. We of Fresno should be satisfied with our own glorious climate.

RICH RETURNS.—Is there money in growing grapes in Fresno county? There is, if we are to judge by results now to be seen. Mr. Ray White lives on East Avenue, Central Colony, about three and a half miles south of Fresno. He has several acres of six-year-old Muscat vines. These vines average about six hundred to the acre, and each vine now has upon it an average of fifty pounds of grapes, or fifteen tons per acre. These grapes are worth, fresh picked, $25 per ton, or $375 per acre If partially cured and in the sweat box they are worth six cents per pound, or $600 per acre; or if cured and packed, they will sell readily for ten cents per pound, or $1,000 per acre. It requires about three tons of grapes to make one ton of raisins, but Mr. White's little vineyard will this season yield more pounds of raisins per acre than many of the vineyards of other sections will produce of grapes. We challenge the world to produce more grapes per acre than are actually grown in Fresno county, and if this season's pack of raisins does not rival in appearance and quality the best of Europe we will never "toot our horn" again.

FRESNO'S FOUNDATION.—M. J. Church visited Los Angeles for the first time last week, and while there investigated the resources of that famous section. He was surprised at the wonderful improvements made in that county with the limited resources at command. The land is in greater part of very poor quality, the water supply meagre and climate that is nothing if not "salubrious." All the really good land in Los Angeles could be dropped in Fresno county and lost, on account of its limited quantity when compared to the thousands upon thousands of acres of rich valley land yet lying idle in this county. Fresno's water supply is undoubtedly the most abundant of any section of the state where irrigation is practiced, and Mr Church is decided in his opinion that Fresno climate is unexcelled by that of Los Angeles. He thinks that a persistent effort should be made by our people to turn a portion of the tide of immigration pouring into southern California toward Fresno county. A bureau of information at Los Angeles to call the attention of new comers to this section and the magnificent inducements it offers, would be the means of securing to our county many hundreds of settlers.

ENGINE TRIAL.—Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock, Messrs. Faymonville, Tombs, Braly and Graves, of the Board of City Trustees, were out to see the Silsby engine tested. The engine was taken out and set at the intersection of J and Fresno streets, the suction pipe being dropped through a man hole into the canal. She did not steam up as rapidly as was anticipated, but no fault could be found with her work when started. Two streams were thrown at the same time over 180 feet, and afterward four streams were played in different directions, the water being thrown over 140 feet from each nozzle. We have heard no objection to the engine except on account of the slowness in which she steamed up, and when the quality of fuel is considered together with the fact that the engine was at a standstill and that cold water was used, we think those who are inclined to kick are rather straining a point in order to gratify their desire. This engine is as large as can be used to advantage by the city of Fresno without a team to draw it, and with an adequate water supply will be able to put out or confine to one building any fire likely to occur in our town for several years to come. Wherever engines are used it is customary to keep a supply of the most combustible fuel on hand, a supply of the best quality of coal, and the water is kept at the boiling point by means of an automatic heater. Fresno must have an engine for fire purposes, and we hope that our Trustees will not let this engine leave town until they are positive that they can do better with the people's money.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Adopted by the State Convention Recently Held in Los Angeles.

RECORD OF THE PARTY.

The Republican party of California, in convention assembled, reaffirms its devotion to the great purposes for which it was organized and for which it has been maintained. It has preserved a free government, and secured to all the inhabitants of these United States the great rights which lie at the foundation of all just governments—the rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness—and its mission will not be fully accomplished until the laws are so construed and administered that an invasion of these inalienable rights, even as against the humblest person, shall become impossible. It points with pride to the fact that it has ingrafted these principles upon the national constitution, thereby giving to every one the protection which the power of sixty millions of freemen affords. Guided by a firm faith in these great principles, it has, during its long and eventful history, done nothing for which it had to apologize. When it took the government from the Democratic party, it found a country disturbed by dissension, states seceding and threatening secession, the treasury empty, the public credit impaired, the arsenals plundered, fortresses invested, a hostile government, whose foundation was human slavery, fully armed in our midst, open foes at the South and secret enemies at the North. When called upon to surrender its great trust, it delivered to its successors a united country, a free people, an overflowing treasury, public credit higher than that of any other nation on earth, arsenals and the government works intact, the flag of the Union floating in peace over a great, prosperous and happy nation, commanding the admiration and respect of mankind.

CLEVELAND'S ADMINISTRATION.

The Democratic administration of Cleveland has failed to keep the pledges upon which it came into power. It promised retrenchment and economy, but has been the most extravagant ever known. It promised to uphold the dignity and honor of the republic and protect American citizens and their rights of person and property, both at home and abroad, but has proved incapable of securing an honorable adjustment of the fisheries question, and has, with seeming indifference, subjected the United States to the humiliation of seeing our flag insulted and our seamen seized and the vessels of our citizens confiscated by the authorities of Canada; while, with rash haste and blundering, it has involved us in unjustifiable complications with our friendly neighbor, the sister republic of Mexico, a fact which seriously calls attention to the Republican national platform in its enunciation of the doctrine of international arbitration for international differences and to the importance of the recent act of the Senate of the United States in unanimously passing a bill for a congress of American nations in the interests of peace and commerce. It promised civil service reform, but has made the phrase odious by not only removing but attempting to blacken the character of thousands of our best citizens, many of them old soldiers, who have been removed from official positions on the cowardly subterfuge of "offensive partizanship"

We reaffirm that to the Union soldiers and sailors of the late war we owe a debt which cannot be computed, and that it is the duty of the government to grant pensions and establish homes for all such as are disabled or in want, and with equal earnestness we condemn the heartless and wholesale vetoes by President Cleveland of the private pension bills recently passed by this Congress

Remembering the principles enunciated in the national platform at Chicago in 1884, and the state platform adopted at Sacramento in the same year, in so far as now applicable, the Republican party of California makes the additional declaration of principles:

THE LABOR QUESTION

Labor is honorable, and the laborer in every walk of life should be honored Upon free, intelligent labor, and its wise direction, depends the prosperity of the nation. Everything which is useful or valuable to a man is the result of labor in some form, and its careful protection should be the first consideration of the statesman. The value of labor must depend upon its producing capacity, and this must be measured by the intelligence of the laborer The liberal education of the laborer, therefore, is the first step toward the greatest, the wisest and the most profitable development of the resources of the country and the elevation of its workmen To accomplish this the public school system should be preserved, protected and extended, until its ennobling influence penetrates to every hearthstone and increases the usefulness of every person. The Republican party declares it firm belief that co operation among laborers is for the best interests of society, that while capital is entitled to all the safeguards necessary to induce its generous investment, and while assaults upon social order, proceeding from persons falsely representing themselves as friends of labor must be sternly repressed, the Republican party will never sanction any legislation which would restrict wage-earners from co-operating and organizing for their general protection and advancement, but, on the contrary, will enact liberal laws fostering and encouraging co-operation

CHINESE IMMIGRATION

RESOLVED, That law-abiding citizens of the United States, be they native or foreign born, are equally entitled to the protection of our laws, and we are opposed to the immigration of all persons not in sympathy with the government and the principles on which it is founded.

RESOLVED, That we are irrevocably in favor of immediate action on the part of Congress and the President to secure the abrogation of the Burlingame treaty, to be followed by such legislation as will prohibit the further immigration of Chinese. We point with just pride to the fact that the Republican Senate of the United States, by unanimous vote, has passed a bill for the restriction of Chinese immigration, and denounce the action of the Democratic House of Representatives for refusing its concurrence in a measure universally demanded by the people of this coast, and which is necessary for the protection and elevation of free labor.

RESOLVED, That the interests of free labor demand that the employment and patronage of Chinese should be discouraged by all lawful means, and to this end we earnestly solicit the hearty co operation of every citizen of this state.

RESOLVED, That we are in favor of the protection and elevation of American labor, and opposed to any legislation which tends to degrade or cheapen it, and we recommend the employment of convict labor in such pursuits as will not bring the same into injurious competition with free labor.

IRRIGATION AND WATER RIGHTS.

One of the most important questions under consideration by the people of California is the proper utilization of its water for purposes of irrigation, and when this great work is accomplished our state will support per acre a greater population than any other in the Union and fertilize and fill with prosperity vast domains otherwise dedicated to perpetual barrenness. The Republican party approaches this great question with careful deliberation, not less grave than that with which it has debated and happily determined other momentous subjects, in the confident expectation that, if intrusted with the power so to do, it will enact such laws as will deserve and receive the approbation of the people, and it here affirms as follows:

First. It is in favor of the immediate passage of a law declaring that henceforth no rights to water shall be acquired which will in any manner obstruct the state in the control thereof whenever it shall see proper to exercise such control.

Second. It is in favor of the passage of laws which will prevent the monopolization of the waters of the state and promote their utilization to the greatest extent possible.

Third. In the passage of any laws upon this subject, individual rights must be protected, but if those rights are found to interfere with effectuating a just distribution of water and its utilization by the people upon equal terms, then such rights should be condemned and taken for public use under the same principles upon which all private property is condemned and taken for public use, upon compensation being made therefor. We demand an amendment to the constitution which will permit such local and special legislation as may be necessary to effectuate these purposes.

PROBLEMS OF TAXATION.

The Supreme Court of the United States having failed to determine whether or not the method of taxing railroad corporations declared by our state constitution is in conflict with the constitution of the United States, we are without an authoritative rule which might otherwise relieve the question of present embarrassing complications, and this subject requires of our legislators and executive the most careful and deliberate action. The gravity of this matter puts us in a place above the range of party politics and demands the serious action of the best thinking people of the state. In this respect and in all others we favor equal and just taxation for the maintenance of the government, and affirm that all should pay a fair share of the public taxes fairly due and in accordance with the broad principles of equity.

VITICULTURE.

RESOLVED, That the prosperity of our viticultural and horticultural industries is of paramount importance to this state. In order to encourage their rapid improvement and a freer expansion of trade in domestic and foreign markets, to prevent unjust discrimination in favor of foreign products, a revision of the internal revenue laws and the amendments to the tariff is demanded as of immediate necessity to our people, and the legislature should, by suitable legislation, provide for the effective extermination of all fruit pests.

COAST DEFENSE.

RESOLVED, That the Republican party earnestly urge upon the federal government the immediate necessity of fortifying the principal seaports of the nation in such a manner as to protect the national honor and the property and territory of the people from foreign invasion

THE WOOL TARIFF.

We demand, in behalf of the great woolgrowing interest of our state, a restoration of the wool tariff of 1867, and denounce the recent attempt of the Democratic majority in the national House of representatives to pass the Morrison bill reducing tariff duties and placing wool on the free list.

SON MAN'S ADMINISTRATION

We denounce the present state administration as most wasteful and incompetent. Its weakness, extravagance and vacillating policy have brought reproach upon the fair fame of California. We recognize the great truth that no government can be republican, even in form, unless the three departments, legislative, judicial and executive, are separate and independent, the one of the other. We declare that the calling of an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of reversing a decision of the Supreme Court of the state has no parallel in the history of this country, that the policy which dictated it was un-American and revolutionary, and that no words of censure can adequately characterize this attempt to destroy the independence of a co-ordinate branch of the government.

APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE

The Republican party submits its platform and its candidates to the intelligent judgment of the people and invokes to the support all, without regard to past affiliation, who desire just laws, good government, peace and security True to its mission it brings to the solution of the important subjects involved broad, statesmanlike and equitable methods Born to protect human rights it never can be brought by any argument or by any pressure to deprive any one of a right, however small, without awarding just compensation Upon this platform it principles and upon its past it appeals with confidence to the candid judgment of an intelligent people.

A Citizen of Fresno in the East

We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter written by Prof. James Stratton to a resident of this city. Mr Stratton was for a number of years a resident of Central Colony, and has for several months past been attending to important business matters in several eastern states. He writes from Springfield, Ills., and the estimate he places upon the climate, etc., east of the Rocky Mountains may be read with profit by any who may be dissatisfied with natural conditions in California

"You would be as greatly disappointed as astonished at the great lack of fruit in this state Have been traveling in it for nearly three months and have not seen one peach, apricot, nectarine or cherry on any tree yet. In fact, have not seen a cherry in the market, except the little Smyrna cherry Nor have I seen a single pear growing that was eatable—nothing but apples, and even the apple orchards are dying out Of course they have small fruit, as berries, but no large fruit but apples. Think of that, ye Californians, and rejoice that your lot has fallen in pleasant places Instead of the fine fruit raised here twenty years ago this climate produces little at present but blizzards in winter and cyclones in summer. You cannot tell one day in advance whether fans or woolen mittens will be most in demand I never experienced such depressing, suffocating hot weather as during the past two weeks I am heartily weary of this climate and am anxious to get back to California Do not expect to return, however, before November Shall leave as soon as the cold weather returns, that is, if my health admits of my attending to business. Reached Kansas in March, when the snow was deep and the cold so intense as to prostrate me with sickness, from which I have suffered more or less since—half the time unable to attend to any business."

LAID TO REST.—George Paddington died in the early A. M. hours, Thursday, Sept 2d. He was born in England on the 15th day of March, 1803, hence was 83 years, 5 months and 17 days of age. His parents were not well to do, and during the early years of his life he knew what it was to want for the real necessaries of life Arrived at the legal age when his country demanded his services, he enlisted in the British army and served for five years. After leaving the army he accumulated sufficient money to pay his passage and decided to try his fortunes in America He stopped in New York but a short time, then went west and settled in Linn county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. He was quite successful, and accumulated considerable property He was living there when the civil war broke out, and when the President called for volunteers he enlisted for three years and three months and went out with the 31st Iowa volunteers He was in Sherman's division in its disastrous assault on Vicksburg, in the army under Grant during the campaign which resulted in the capture of Arkansas Post, the victories of Big Black, Champion Hill, Jackson and the final capitulation of the army of Pemberton and surrender of Vicksburg. After the war he married, but not finding married life congenial, a separation soon resulted. Mr. Paddington made his home with the family of J. T. Shanklin for many years prior to their removal to this state, and in 1874 came to this State with them. He tasted liquor but once or twice in his life, never used tobacco, tea nor coffee, and has been a strict vegetarian for a great number of years He was not a believer in the works of God as interpreted by ministers of the gospel. "The world was his country, to do good his religion," and his everyday life saw a faithful adherence to what he conceived to be his duty to his God and his fellow men. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis or congestion of the brain. He was buried in Graceland cemetery.

James Morton, of the firm of Paige & Morton, the largest orchard and vineyard men in Tulare county, spent a few days about Fresno and the colonies this week investigating our methods of curing and packing raisins. Mr. Morton informs us that their cannery is now running day and night, putting up peaches, plums, grapes, etc. Tulare City will eventually be the center of a very large fruit producing section, and she will owe much to the enterprise of Mr Morton in changing that section from a grain producing region to one of fruit and grapes.

The report in the *Expositor* that the second-story floor of the Fruitvale Winery had fallen through under the weight of several tons of grapes, is a canard. A couple of joists were cracked, but no damage was done.

JUST OUTSIDE.

The Current News from Neighboring Towns and Counties.

A Turlock correspondent complains of a heartless individual in that town who is so cruel as to decoy ants into a can and then scalds them.

A larger force are now at work on the great canal reservoir east of town. This piece of work is going to be pushed rapidly forward to an early completion.—*Merced Star.*

Judge Sawyer, of the United States Court, has knocked our opium smoking ordinance into a cocked hat. He declares section 2 of subdivision 2 unconstitutional in the case of the People vs. Ah Jow.—*Modesto Republican.*

Orders for mineral water are being filled by Major Burney for different portions of the state daily. The Major gets nothing for his trouble excepting the gratitude of the afflicted and the good will of the community he is advertising.—*Modesto Republican.*

Tulare is now musical with the sound of saws and hammers, and houses are rising as if by magic, on the ruins of the fire, and immense stocks of goods have been ordered from below, and ere long we confidently expect to see a brick city instead of a wooden town.—*Tulare Free Press.*

An aged man named Casey, supposed to be slightly insane, fell from the water tank situated near the site of the old Grayson Hotel yesterday, and was killed Deceased was in the habit of climbing to the top of the tank and from there made speeches to the populace.—*Modesto Republican.*

Wm. E. Davis, who was arrested in Merced a couple of weeks since by Deputy Constable French, proves to be a notorious cattle thief in Wyoming, and is a desperate character whom the people of that territory, especially the cattlemen, will be pleased to have punished. He has been taken to Wyoming.—*Merced Star.*

A lady upon the west side threw a package of flax seed in the stove one day this week and was somewhat surprised to hear a severe clap of thunder the next instant and see her stove flying out of the windows, doors and up the chimney in small fragments. No, it was not flax seed. It was powder, but that lady wot not that it was so until later.—*Tulare Register.*

G Manuel, a surveyor of Fresno, has been engaged by a number of farmers to survey an irrigating ditch from some point on the north side of the Merced river, to irrigate a large section of farming land in that vicinity. The surveyor and his party will start upon the survey on September 13th. The farmers of that portion of our county are alive to the necessity of the times and evidently mean business.—*Modesto News.*

A correspondent writing from Tipton to the Tulare *Times* says: W. J. Browning, an experienced hunter, is turning his attention to the rabbit pest. A short time since he made a contract with a coursing park at San Francisco to furnish them with live rabbits. He delivers them and receives $1 for each rabbit. He catches them in a net, and at one drive corralled fifty, and says he could have caught 500 just as easy, had his trap been large enough to hold them.

The following county ticket was placed in nomination by the Merced Democratic convention: For Sheriff, John L Greene; for Clerk, Jerry Myall; for District-Attorney, J. W. Breckenridge; for Treasurer, J. K. P. Price; for Assessor, M. D. Wood; for Recorder, J. C. Elliot; for Auditor, R. N Hughes; for Superintendent of Schools, John Norvell; for Coroner and Administrator, E S Oleven; for Surveyor, James E. Hicks. A. J. Meany was recommended for State Senator and J. W. Bost for Assemblyman.

Dav. Egenhoff left here Thursday morning for Traver, where his parents reside The family are to have a reunion, which has been contemplated for some time, and the children, several of whom are scattered over the country, have been notified to come. The Egenhoff family numbers some ten or a dozen, and if they all get together we anticipate for them a happy time. The children were all born in this town and vicinity and we have no doubt that a toast will be given to old Mariposa, 'Our native land and childhood home.' —*Mariposa Gazette.*

Some three months ago we began to watch the maneuvering of a band of twenty-five turkeys. When we first discovered them they had just commenced on a fine plot of evergreen rye grass. Every spear was soon demolished; then they attacked about twenty-five vines of one table grapes. Of these they made quick work, leaving the once well staked vines lying upon the ground. Next, the lower limbs of half a dozen peach trees were attacked, and now they are busily engaged in stripping the ripe figs from three trees. What they will do next is still in the womb of time We long for Thanksgiving to come.—*Merced Argus.*

On Tuesday morning last, the 24th ult., at the home of the family of Isaac Trulock, near Bridgeport, occurred a most serious accident to the three-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Trulock, which came near being fatal to the child as also disastrous in other ways. It appears the child got hold of some matches which were ignited, setting its clothes on fire which burned in front up to the waist, scorching its face, but not severely. The mother upon discovering the situation, in a hurried manner with her bare hands, succeeded in putting out the flames, but not without burning her own hands severely, one so badly that the nail dropped off from one finger. Mrs. Ramsden, a neighbor, was called in and kindly assisted Mrs. Trulock in her trouble. Mr. Trulock is absent at work on the plains.—*Mariposa Gazette.*

Men who have watched matters carefully for years have come to the conclusion that the man who raises wheat is not the man to speculate therein, unless by some way he is able to place himself on the inside of the so called "ring." Occasionally some wheat raiser may make money by holding his wheat after it is threshed, but stimulated by success, he will invariably try the same thing again, and the next time he probably will lose more than he made the preceding year This wheat market is handled like the stock market, and so long as outsiders continue to dabble they will be nipped. We do not say that this is proper, but farmers uncombined will certainly never allay the evil. Wheat raising is one business, and handling it after it has been sacked is another, and a farmer is not a wheat merchant, neither is a wheat merchant a farmer.—*Modesto Herald*

Stanislaus county possesses many wonders, but among all the unheard of phenomena that have come to light within its borders, nothing compares with the latest and greatest wonder of them all. In the country not more than fifteen miles from Modesto resides a young lady who has developed into a perfect electric battery. The first evidence to that effect that the young lady had, presented itself to her a few evenings ago. It seems that when she was about to retire she extinguished the light in her room, and with a quick motion rolled back the covering, when lo and behold! the bed immediately was turned into a sheet of fire. The young lady muchly frightened screamed "fire!" and at the same time grabbed the bed covering in her arms. When the other members of the family arrived at the door of the room they found her standing in the middle of the room in the midst of what seemed to be a flame of fire, but no sooner had the bed clothes been taken from her arms than the flame disappeared. Experiments made by the young lady since have proved that she has become possessed of a vast amount of electricity, which shows itself at every opportunity. The young lady is not at all satisfied with the phenomenon, as it requires the greatest caution on her part to keep from starting up a small box fire by the slightest movement of her hands.—*Modesto Republican.*

Among other curiosities at the courthouse is a swarm of bees hiving in one of the chimneys and busily engaged in the honey-making business.

Democratic Convention.

News was received to-day that the Democratic Convention has nominate ex-Mayor Bartlett for Governor and M. F. Tarpey for Lieutenat Governor. The convention is still in session.

The telephone exchange has been purchased by Herman Eggers, and will be thoroughly reorganized.

The regular meeting of the Blue and Gray Veterans will be held to morrow night. All members are requested to be present.

The examination of S. J. Hinds, P. B. Donahoo and Pack Qualls, charged with stealing the Qualls indictment, is being held in Judge Hall's court this afternoon.

A blaze started on the back porch of the Garibaldi block Wednesday night, but was extinguished before any damage was done. It is supposed to have started from an ash barrel.

The Prohibition Central Committee has hired a column of our advertising space in which to give publicity to the peculiar views of their party during the political campaign.

M. C. Zumwalt and Geo. Hoxie, of Tulare, spent Sunday in Fresno. They are both Native Sons and were on their way to San Jose to participate in the grand celebration on the 9th.

MARRIED.

TYNAN TOMBS—September 1st, 1886, at the residence of the bride's parents, J street, Fresno, by Rev. Mr. Jonian James Tynan to Miss Annie C. Tombs, all of Fresno.

SPINKS—BRADLEY—Fresno, August 26, 1886, C. C. Spinks of Traver and Miss Emma Bradley of Selma.

BORN.

LAWSON—At Lanares Vineyard, August 30, 1886, to the wife of B. F. Lawson, a boy.

MIHAILOVITZ—In Central California Colony, August 30, 1886, to the wife of Charles Mihailovitz, a daughter.

DIED.

PADDINGTON In Fresno, Sept. 2d, 1886, George Paddington, a native of England, aged 83 years, 5 months and 17 days.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We have just received direct from an Eastern Factory a line of Buggy and Wagon Umbrellas, with the necessary fixtures, to attach to any vehicle within a few minutes. They are just the thing for people to protect themselves from our hot sun, and the low prices are within the reach of every body Call and see them. LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co

All the latest novelties in seasonable goods, including new styles of dotted Swiss in all colors, new Lawns, Surah Silks, French Satteens, at the lowest prices at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co's.

All over Laces and Embroideries in endless variety at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co's.

An elegant line of Tourist's and Negligee Over Shirts, Fancy Neckwear, plain and fancy Balbrigan Underwear at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co.'s.

Gents' Sun Umbrellas in light colors, an indispensible protector in our warm climate, at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co.'s.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.

Rubber Hose in all sizes, and very cheap; Lawn Mowers, Sprinklers, and Hose Carts, Lawn Rakes and all kinds of Garden Tools at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co.'s.

The best stock of Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers at lower prices than elsewhere, will be found at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co.'s.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Woodberry & Mason's Fruit Jars, Jelly Glasses and Moyse's Fruit Steamer's, the best article ever introduced for the preserving of fruit at LOUIS EINSTEIN & Co.'s.

The Boss of all Liniments for Horse and Man.

CENTEVILLE, CAL., July 7, 1886.

To all suffering from sprains and bruises: I cheerfully recommend Maud S Liniment to you. While pitching hay not long since I sprained my wrist severely and was compelled to quit work. Having nothing handy but a bottle of Maud S Liniment which is made to cure sprains, bruises, etc., in horses, I found it equally effective for me. For by a few applications I was able to go to work again in a few days Its the boss and relief is almost instantly felt after using. Respectfully,
W. H. GARDNER.

For sale by all druggists and grocers

A New Firm.

The firm of Hicks & Barrett is now consolidated with the Fresno Hardware Co., and would be pleased to see their old friends at the new stand in Tenant's building, next door to the Opera House A full stock of hardware, stoves, pumps, tinware, graniteware, etc. A specialty made of plumbing and tin work.
HICKS & BARRETT

New goods and new prices *

Damiana Bitters gives appetite. Sold by Geo. Bernhard, Fresno.

Early grapes are in the market. They are home-grown.

Damiana is a Mexican herb and comes from La Paz. Geo. Bernhard agent.

Gents, we have a few light-weight suits and some light-weight underwear left. If you should need anything in that line, come to see us. Prices lower than ever. All summer goods must be sold to make room for an immense fall stock of clothing, soon to arrive. J. L. Lewison & Co, The Leaders in low prices. *

Damiana Bitters are purely vegetable

Specs and eyeglasses to suit all sights at Markewitz', optician.

Every Oliver Chilled Plow sold by us is warranted to do good work. We have a full stock of plows and extras.
* KUTNER, GOLDSTEIN & Co.

If you want the sweetest and best SWEET POTATOES try Reese's new kind.

Specs and eyeglasses to suit all sights at Markewitz', optician. *

Watches cheaper than ever, to be had from Markewitz, the jeweler. *

Damiana Bitters, Geo. Bernhard agt.

Watches cheaper than ever, to be had from Markewitz, the jeweler. *

Damiana is a great invigorator and nervine, and cures dyspepsia. George Bernhard agent for Fresno county.

Protect your eyes from the sun by getting smoked glasses at Markewitz', optician. *

The Oliver Vineyard Plow is the best plow for that use we have ever seen.
* KUTNER, GOLDSTEIN & Co.

A lot of fancy ginghams reduced from 12½ cents to 12 yards for $1, at J. L. Lewison & Co.'s, The Leaders in low prices. *

Protect your eyes from the sun by getting smoked glasses at Markewitz', optician. *

Damiana acts directly on the kidneys making them stronger. Geo. Bernhard sole agent for Fresno county. je25

We are agents for the Buckeye and Champion Mowers, the two leading mowers made. Have the agency for Hodges Headers, Schuttler Wagons and Taylor Rakes. * KUTNER, GOLDSTEIN & Co.

Parties who wish to go fishing will do well to go to T. W. Borcher's to buy their fishing outfit, as he has a large and well assorted stock of those articles on hand. *

Remnants of silks, satins and dress goods of all kinds can be bought very low at J. L. Lewison & Co.'s. The Leaders in low prices. *

Damiana is a splendid laxative to the bowels, thus keeping the liver from becoming torpid. Geo. Bernhard agent.

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GENERAL NEWS

Paragraphic Mention of a Week's Interesting Events Throughout the World

De Lesseps has succeeded in raising his Panama Canal Loan in France

The unstable condition of the new capitol in Albany is causing much alarm

There is a rumor that Grevy intends shortly to resign the Presidency of France

Four new churches are building at St Paul, Minn, at an expense of $250,000

The wheat crop in South Australia will yield in average of seven bushels to the acre

The entire income of the Trinity church property in New York city last year was $650,000

Five million dollars worth of new bonds of the Illinois Central Railroad have been issued in London

The official stamp for oleomargarine will contain a design of a bull trampling a serpent underfoot

Coconut culture along the lower coasts of Florida is growing rapidly in volume and importance

A Bar Harbor correspondent repeats the story that Blaine will champion the Prohibition cause this fall

Powderly says the coming Labor Convention at Richmond will be the largest gathering ever known

A London special says that Pinchback, the colored ex Governor of Louisiana is now a bookmaker at the races

Lima is excited by the proposal to introduce the Jesuits, who heretofore have not been permitted in Peru

Chicago theatre managers have abandoned the practice of advertising in show windows with lithographic posters

It is rumored on Wall street that Jay Gould has entered in a new pool formed of the Vanderbilts, Grangers and Coal stocks

Paris contains one married woman of fourteen, three widows of eighteen and two widows of sixteen, as a late census shows

Miss Jeannette Larks of Youngstown accompanied by a friend swam across Niagara river below the falls, on the 24th ult

The city authorities of Lyons France have resolved to rid themselves of all religious emblems as "relics of a degrading superstition"

John V Schnack, a miser died at Matawan, N J on the 24th A search of his premises resulted in the discovery of $30,000 secreted in various places

The Washington delegates to the Grand Army reunion have arrived home and overflow with expressions of admiration for California and Californians

It is stated in Washington that the Administration has fully determined to remove the Apaches from Arizona but is at a loss to know where to send them

Col William H Gilder has left New York for Montreal, where he will take the whaler Victoria for Greenland the point of starting for the North Pole

The British corvette Diamond took possession in the name of the British Crown of the Kermadec Islands in the South Pacific Ocean on the 1st of August

Passenger rates have been cut on the Baltimore and Ohio road to $8 from New York to Chicago and $15 to points farther west, and east of the Mississippi river

A man in Port Jervis N Y having failed to pay his road tax, the town authorities seized two pairs of his suspenders and sold them to the highest bidder

Mme de Lesseps charms the French ladies as snakes charm birds and no fewer than sixteen thousand women have put money into his Panama Canal scheme

A foreign lady, who lost heavily at Monte Carlo gambling tables has committed suicide This is the twenty sixth case of suicide since the opening of the season

The editor of the Sentinel, Florida, Celtic may be fitly described as a cross between a bagnol man He runs a newspaper a saw mill, a postoffice, a real estate business and practices law

Professor Tuck gave a successful exhibition of his torpedo boat at New York on the 26th The boat carries a crew of two men and can travel under water a quarter mile or more

The second report of the National Bureau of Labor Statistics will be ready when the time Congress meets in December It will contain a full history of strikes from 1880 up to date

Mrs Cleveland started the machinery in the Minneapolis Exposition by telegraph from Prospect House in the Adirondacks President Cleveland sent a congratulatory message

Canadian officers tried to seize the American schooner Lizzie Fender at Barrington Nova Scotia a few days since but the captain refused to surrender and put out to sea with the officers on board

Philadelphia is trying to secure Sarah Bernhardt but there is trouble about terms The city government wishes to get out of the gross receipts and Sarah is unwilling to pay more than five

W Milton and M C Nixon have been arrested at Peru Indiana, on charges of swindling They were the parties who conducted the Fourteenth Enterprise, out of which they made $40,000

The London *Times* gives prominence in its columns to a letter suggesting the expulsion for treason, on their return to their homes, of the Canadian delegates and other British subjects who figured in the Chicago Convention

An atheist, who was some days ago refused naturalization papers by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of New York, has since procured his papers, his affirmation being accepted by the clerk as sufficient

Fraser river salmon are now shipped to Montreal in five days and arrangements have been made to supply the New York market in that way The Canada Pacific seems bound to stir up its own transcontinental roads

St Louis anticipates the presence of 15,000 strangers during the Triennial conclave of the Knights Templar in September The accommodations are said to be more than ample to meet the expected demand

A report recently issued states that the London Mansion House fund for the assistance of Russian Jews has reached the sum of £110,000 Of this sum £90,000 was devoted to the transport of 8 569 Israelites to America and 1,000 to London, while 4,000 were presented with new homes in Russia

A. M Keiley, of Virginia, who was rejected to as United States Minister Italy by Italy and Austria, has been appointed to represent the United States at Cairo, Egypt, as a member of the courts created by treaty for the trial of mixed civil cases in which foreigners are involved

The Zion Hebrew congregation of St Paul has adopted a heroic method for testing the sermonizing qualities of a candidate for its pulpit He is not permitted to preach his very best sermon to the congregation, but a committee hears him on the way to church, gives him a text, and he is expected to preach from it without further notice

The American steamship Esteban de Ocampo, now at New Orleans, has been seized by English bankers who advanced money for her construction, and their representatives of the new owners refuse the British colors the vessel was found to have worn when she left port and refused to permit the hoisting of the American flag.

Ming ed Chow, who has recently been naturalized, has ordered $18,000 worth of opera glasses for his palace. The curiosities sent are some very complaining bouquets of artificial flowers wrapped with flowers of paper and the center of each flower is a watch, handsomely ornamented with diamonds, each of which costs from [illegible] to [illegible] and some of which are worth [illegible] dollars each. The watches are surrounded by [illegible] and [illegible] and are [illegible]

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Important Occurrences in the States and Territories West of the Rockies

Oakland claims 44,274 inhabitants

The Napa Asylum has 1,458 patients

Mare Island Navy Yard employs 120 men

A movement is on foot to establish a winery at Pomona

Los Angeles thinks of building an opera house

There are signs of a pause in the Los Angeles real estate boom

The troops sent to Seattle at the time of the Chinese riots have been recalled

Solano shows a decrease of ninety-one school children in one year

There are three hundred graders at work on the Lake county railroad

San Jacinto San Diego county, has completed its seventy fifth artesian well

A number of nickel claims have been located near Daggetts, San Bernardino county

Henry Webber has been held in $1 000 bail at Folsom to answer a charge of incendiarism

The woodchoppers of Nevada county propose to raise the price of wood $1 a cord all around

The Democrats of Shasta county have nominated a young lady for Superintendent of Schools

J S Van Doren, cashier of the Sonoma county bank is a defaulter to the amount of $17 000

Get Sing a Marysville Chinaman, has been convicted of dealing tin and has been fined $200

Bishop Sharp the Mormon who promised to obey the law respecting polygamy has been deposed

Many sections of land are being located in Owens river valley by agents of a land company in San Francisco

William Richards of Cambria San Luis Obispo county is missing and is thought to have committed suicide

A hundred grape growers in Los Angeles met in Pomona and nominated I G Rose the great wine and brandy maker for governor

A board of San Bernardino farmers have caught 300 trout during a recent trip to the head waters of the Santa Ana river

Henry O Hale was lost on the desert near Silver Peak Nev recently and was found dead sitting by a clump of sagebrush

In the Santa Clara Valley there are 1 000 acres of land devoted to the production of garden seeds for the eastern market

Complaints are daily brought into San Diego of thefts by persons who escape across the Mexican line before they can be caught

Some of the old mines at Panamint are being opened again and a partial renewal of the old activity of that camp is looked for

The machinery erected in the Iron Mountain mine in Shasta county at a cost of $120 000 is to be removed to New Mexico

Property belonging to a threshing rig that were struck with lockjaw last year in Shasta county from the effects of over heating

Tuolumne A I, is to vote on a proposition to issue bonds to the extent of $10 000 to provide the town with an effective fire department

While Dlaskin a fourteen year old boy has been sentenced by Judge Pelton of San Jose to four years in the state prison for burglary

The mining camp of Riverside is estimated at 200 000 tons which at a fair rate will give $400 000 as the income from 1 000 acres of vineyard

A number of persons in the vicinity of Bonanza Oregon are engaged in tanning bear simply for their hides the flesh being allowed to go to waste

Two boys attempted to ride to Redding on the lumber flume of Hoffstock & Phelps last Saturday One was killed and the other had a leg broken

A burglar ran into a Reno drug store the other day and finding no kit up his post behind the counter He was beaten off without doing much damage

William Johnson colored has brought suit against the city of Portland for $10 000 damages received from falling on a rotten sidewalk and breaking his leg

The crews of the British sealing vessels lately seized in Alaskan waters have laid their complaints before the Minister of Marine at Victoria Much feeling about the matter exists

It is reported that one gunsmith in Los Angeles sold seventeen Winchester rifles in one day about a week since to Chinamen who are said to be supplying themselves with weapons

The cattle in the Simcoe range, Klickitat county Washington Territory, are dying rapidly They first get lame and then become emaciated Being cut open the blood is found settled around the heart

There have been big runs all through Arizona Territory, and plenty of grass and water are insured The washouts on the railroads have been repaired and trains are running on time

Interesting archeological discoveries have been made near Albuquerque by a rancher who was digging for water It is believed that the ruins antedate anything hitherto found in the territory

A Gallagher has commenced suit against the city of San Jose for $20 000 damages sustained by reason of the pollution of the Guadalupe Creek and the atmosphere near his house by the inflow of sewage from the open sewer ditch

A Chinese cook at Farmington W T, chased a lady and her two daughters through the house with a butcher knife last Sunday when a man came to the rescue and shot the Chinaman, seriously wounding him

The Chinese hop pickers employed by R J Merriday, of Sacramento quit work fearing that they might be assassinated by their fellow countrymen who demand higher pay than the hop growers are willing to give

The wool shipments from Winnemucca to Boston this season aggregate 417,610 pounds The prices paid averaged from 4 to 6 cents per pound more than last year, making a difference of at least $20 000 in favor of producers

Coleman Walsh and his family at Lancaster, Los Angeles county were all poisoned by canned peaches last week A physician was in close proximity and all were saved though the cases were serious The fruit had been kept too long in the copper vessel in which it had been cooked

After two weeks' examination of the records of the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, it has been discovered that land valued at $300 000 patented by the United States in San Bernardino county has never been placed on record, thereby escaping taxation Similar frauds are feared elsewhere

Tuesday week, at Los Angeles, Owen and Jason Brown, sons of Ossawattomie Brown of Harpers Ferry fame, had come to town from their home near the foot hills The veterans found them in their country wagon, unhitched the horses, attached ropes to the vehicle and dragged it triumphantly along the streets with John Brown's astonished sons seated in it *The incident created great enthusiasm*

The number of acres in hops in the immediate surrounding of Healdsburg, says the *Enterprise*, is about 150 Hop picking will begin about the first of September It is believed that the yield to the acre in good hop fields will average 1,800 pounds This will require a large force to pick it. The hop growers place the number at 1,000 or over, as it requires seven persons to the acre. It is the intention of hop growers to employ white help exclusively. The price to be paid will be $1 25 a hundred pounds, which is the highest that we have heard being paid. In the Sacramento valley and other portions of the state the prices range from 70 to 90 cents.

PROHIBITION COLUMN.

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To the many readers of THE REPUBLICAN we wish to say that we do not feel as though we are entire strangers to you, having recently occupied a space in these columns for nearly a year We appeared then under a slightly different heading but advocating the same principles which we shall continue to uphold, viz The absolute prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage

We are not here to indulge in personalities but to advocate a principle as broad as human brotherhood and as high as heaven We are not striving for honor, fame or wealth, but for that grandest and noblest of all principles—"Liberty for all mankind"

We are not laboring for the advancement or defeat of any individual or party (although we believe that party organization is necessary to the carrying out of our principle) but we are working for the advancement of, and for the defeat of, everything that would overthrow the foundation of our American government namely "The Home"

If you cannot fully agree with us you will please be kind enough to accord to us honest conviction

Below we give a copy of our state and county ticket and our state platform

We would ask your careful perusal of our platform and if you believe the principles there enunciated to be just and right we now ask that you pray work and vote for their success

COUNTY TICKET

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Assessor	A L Gilbert Mendocino
Coroner	W S Bouton, Fresno

STATE TICKET

For Governor, Joel Russell, of Haywards

For Lieutenant Governor, A D Boren, of San Bernardino

For Supreme Judge Wm G Murphy, of Yuba, and Robert Thompson of San Francisco

Secretary of State, Frank L Kellogg of Santa Barbara

State Controller, J A Fairbain, of Alameda

State Treasurer, H S Graves, of Sutter

Attorney General, Col George Babcock, of Butte

Surveyor General Dr George B Tolman of San Francisco

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof D A Mobley of San Joaquin

Clerk of the Supreme Court, Julius Lyons of Los Angeles

State Board of Equalization J S Reynolds of S L A I Grigg of Alameda Charles L Greene, of Yolo, L B Hague Santa Barbara

State Board of Railroad Commissioner Rev W C Damon Napa Prof Leib San Mateo Dr S M McLean Stanislaus

Congressional nominations First District—L W Simmons Lake Second District—W O Clark Amador Third District—W W Smith Solano Fourth District—Chas Henderson S J Fifth District—Frank Almbrush Santa Clara Sixth District—Will A Harris, San Bernardino

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS

The following platform and resolutions were adopted

Relying upon the favor of Almighty God and the justice of our cause, we the Prohibition party of California through the Representatives thereof in convention do announce the following as our political faith

First—That we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of all sumptuary law properly so called we believe it not only a constitutional right but the bounden duty of the state, to prohibit the manufacture sale and importation of all alcoholic beverages

Second—The combined testimony of philanthropists, statesmen and jurists for the past two hundred and fifty years declares that the use of intoxicating drinks tends directly and inevitably to the propagation of disease, the suppression of industry the promotion of vice and crime and the destruction of mankind and believing that so far reaching an evil can only be remedied by legal means we demand the enactment of constitutional and statute laws for the state and nation that shall forever prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of alcoholic beverages, and we solemnly pledge ourselves to vote for no one for office who will not pledge himself to use his influence and vote to secure the enactment of such laws

Third—That the old parties are the servile supporters of the liquor power as evinced by the open and shameless *nullification of the statutes by the one, and* the contemptuous refusal of the other to legislate to protect the home from the giant curse of intemperance though repeatedly petitioned to do so

Therefore, we declare that those parties who thus pander to the vicious elements of society to maintain political power, merit and should receive the condemnation of all good citizens, and are unworthy the countenance and support of christians and patriots and are totally unfit to govern a free people

We are in favor of the largest personal liberty consistent with orderly civil government, and would gladly welcome to our free country all those who come with the intention of enjoying our institutions *as they find them but we demand the* exclusion of those whose purpose in coming here is to overthrow our government and destroy our liberties

The following from a Democratic paper in Florida has a strange yet familiar sound On the 3d of next month there will be a convention of Prohibitionists at Ocala, called for the purpose of nominating candidates for Congress from the first and second districts We fail to see what good purpose this convention will serve Does the convention propose to make nominations independent of the *Democratic conventions that are to meet* the day after? To be sure it does What will it do but take away a great many votes from the Democratic candidates that they would otherwise get? Have the Prohibitionists any idea of electing their candidates? Certainly not Their *are they not endangering* the success of the dominant party in Florida, the party that has given to the state law, peace and good order? It is well known that in Florida the Democrats need all the votes they have, especially in the Second Congressional district Is it then, wise to take away from that vote when the result can only be to strengthen the Republicans?"

Those who are certain that the Republican party is a temperance party will do well to read the Chicago *Tribune* It says, July 13th In the great western *states the large majority of the beer* saloon keepers are Republicans, and their patrons are largely Republicans If they are to be stigmatized (by the anti saloon convention) as public enemies, and dealt with as such, the inevitable result will be that they will find *welcome shelter with the whisky Democratic party*, and that the Republican party will lose thousands upon thousands of honorable votes, the loss of which cannot be made good "

It is estimated that ninety nine per cent more deaths are caused by rum in this country than by hydrophobia And yet they are muzzling dogs and drowning them by hundreds in New York, while rum is permitted to go about seeking whom it may devour.—*Norristown Herald*

A prominent Republican, disgusted with his party's new whisky Senator, says the election of such a man as Senator will give the Prohibitionists 5,000 additional votes.

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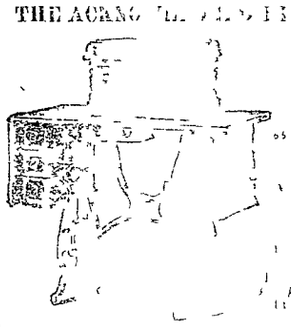

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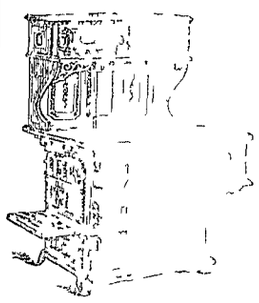

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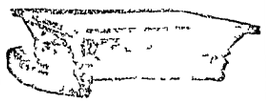

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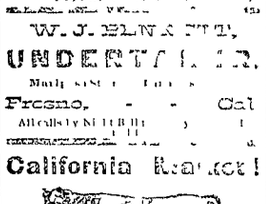

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